

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 7, 1999

H.R. 2724

An act to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on September 29, 1999

H.R. 2724 would make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 and would amend the level of appropriations authorized for the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to carry out certain provisions of that act. Under H.R. 2724, the total amount authorized to be appropriated to the Corps for providing technical, planning, and design assistance to nonfederal entities for certain water-related infrastructure projects would be reduced by \$15 million.

Based on information from the Corps, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation—by reducing amounts available to the Corps in future appropriations acts—would reduce discretionary spending by \$15 million over the 2000-2004 period. The act would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2724 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments might incur some costs as a result of the bill's enactment, but these costs would be voluntary.

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